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In re Divisional Application of:)	
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Keiichiro ISHIHARA)	
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Appln. No. 09/696,000	:	
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For: OPTICAL SCANNING)	August 20, 2003
APPARATUS, MULTI-BEAM	:	
OPTICAL SCANNING)	
APPARATUS, AND	:	
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Each of the documents was cited in Application No. 09/696,000 (the "'000 Application"), the parent application of this divisional application.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document may be found in the specification at page 3. Also, the 08/951,635 application, which was the English-language

counterpart to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. Hei 08-297256, was submitted in the '000 application.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLN NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GAU</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/697,713	10/27/00	2872	Tatsuya TADA, et al.	Allowed

A copy of the cited application was previously submitted in the '000 Application. The 08/951,635 application corresponds to Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. Hei 08-297256, which is cited herein.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted, or cited by the Examiner, in the parent application. Therefore, copies are not being provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). However, if copies are not available to the Examiner, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative to request them. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 6,563,624 is enclosed because they were previously submitted as Application Nos. 09/697,713, and it has since issued as a patent.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first Official Action on the merits.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,488,502	01/30/96	Saito			
	6,133,935	10/2000	Fujibayashi et al.			
	5,818,505	10/06/98	Kato			
	5,883,732	03/16/99	Takada, et al.			
	5,600,476	02/04/97	Takada, et al.			
	6,563,624	05/13/2003	Ishihara			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	7-113950	05/02/95	Japan			Abstract previously submitted
	10-232347	09/1998	Japan			U.S. Counterpart previously submitted
	08-297256	11/12/96	Japan			No previously submitted

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
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